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SCHAEFER ET AL.

Examiner

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE ____ MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 1999.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1) The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to show (The objects A, B, C are marked with an index, e.g. A_{ij}. The first index I indicates the broadcast cycle, the second one j is a counter for repetitive transmissions of the object in the current cycle.)(Pg .5 Line 09-11) as described in the specification. Any structural detail that is essential for a proper understanding of the disclosed invention should be shown in the drawing. MPEP § 608.02(d). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2) The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3) Claim 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Pronouns should not be used in the claim language.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5) Claim 1-6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Copper et al (US. 6,301,243) in view of Moline (U.S. 6,067,566)

6) As per claim 1, Cooper teaches method for determining access times of repeatedly broadcast objects in a broadcast channel using an unidirectional communication scheme in order to transmit the broadcast objects from a server side to receiver side (col. 3, lines 35-50). Cooper defines Repetition distance, which is the distance between the completed transmission of the broadcast object and its next repetition. (abstract and col.1, lines 50-65). Cooper discloses the next reception point in time of said broadcast objects is calculated from a current time value and repetition distance (col. 3, lines 52-60 and col. 4, lines 1-10 and Fig 3, col. 5, lines 59-67 and Fig 3, col. 6, lines 1-20).

7) However, Cooper does not explicitly teach the broadcast object including a header defining a repetition distance. In the same field of endeavor Moline (U.S. 6,067,566) teaches the header defining a repetition distance (col. 2, lines 49-62).

8) It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the networking art at the time of the invention the reason to combine teaching of Cooper et al with melon because Cooper even though have the similar art as the applicant but he does not go in details of the data addressing as it is obvious in networking technology in order to send packets to their destination, a header is required otherwise it would not be possible to sent them. Thus, Molin discloses the header information.

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9) As to claim 2 Cooper-Molin teach how many objects (A, B, C) will be transmitted after a specific broadcast object (Cooper, col. 1, lines 55-67).

10) As to claim 3 Cooper-Molin teach how long time it takes after a specific object (Cooper, element 14, fig 4, col. 6, lines 51-56).

11) As to claim 5 Cooper-Molin disclose an upper bound which specifies a maximum value for the repetition distance (Cooper, col. 1, lines 56-67).

12) As to Claim 6 Cooper-Molin discloses said repetition distance specifies an absolute value in the form of a repetition time (Cooper, col. 2, lines 33-38).

13) Claim 7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Copper et al (US. 6,301,243) in view of Moline (U.S. 6,067,566) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Cheng et al (U.S. 6,157,949).

14) Copper et al and Moline fail to disclose information about broadcast cycle generator however Cheng et al discloses broadcast cycle as a sequence of segments and sequence of objects, the sequence of objects, the sequence of objects describing which objects belong to the broadcast cycle and how often each object is included in the broadcast cycle, and the sequence of segments describing the transmission order of segments of all objects (col. 9, lines 7-64).

15) It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the networking art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated broadcast cycle as a sequence of segments and sequence of objects into the method of Cooper-Molin to increase the efficiency of broadcasting data.

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16) As to claim 8 Cooper-Molin-Cheng teach parameter specifying an allocated bitrate for the transmission of objects is added if the repetition distance is encoded as a time value (Cheng, col. 3, lines 35-50).

17) As to claim 9 Cooper-Molin-Cheng discloses calculating repetition of each object and selects segments for transmission (Cheng, Abstract).

18) As to Claim 10 Cooper teaches a broadcast object decoder (21) retrieves an unique identifier of an object (Id) and the repetition distance and obtains the current time value from a time service (22), and an absolute value for reception point in time is calculated from the reception distance and the current time value and is stored together with the object (Id). (Fig 3, Element 23, col. 6, lines 21-27).

19) Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable Cooper et al (U.S. 6,301,243) in view of Moline (U.S. 6,067,566) as applied to claim 10 and further in view of Boyle (U.S. 5,864,854)

20) However Cooper and Molin fail to disclose the information about requesting data objects using object Identifier. In the same field of endeavor Boyle discloses data object requestor allows to request certain object by an object identifier and allows to request the next reception point in time of an object.(col. 6, lines 40-51).

21) It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the networking art at the time of the invention was made incorporated the use of object identifier to send data packets in the methodology of Cooper-Molin to increase the accuracy of the data received and make the network more efficient.

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22) As to Claim 12 Cooper-Molin-Boyle teach requester can use the repetition distance as repetition time information for managing cache (Boyle, col-3, lines 58-67 and col-4, lines 1-17).

23) Claim 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cooper et al. (U.S. 6,301,243) in view of Moline (U.S. 6,067,566) and further in view of Lindholm (U.S. 6,345,313).

24) Cooper and Molin fail to disclose the information about the progress indicator however Lindholm discloses it is used in a progress indicator (Column 3, Lines 32-35).

25) It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the networking art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated the progress indicator as taught by Lindholm, in the methodology of Cooper-Molin to increase the efficiency of the method and make it more proficient.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Guo et al (U.S. 6,173,330) discloses header data including packet identifier which identifies the packet type.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (703)-305-4633.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on (703)-305-4815. The fax for this group is (703)-308-6296.

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